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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, CU, GT
SUBJ: US DISCUSSIONS WITH CUBA

REF: STATE 06368

1. I CALLED ON ACTING FONMIN OBIOLS AT 0930 GUATEMALAN TIME TO GIVE HIM YOUR ORAL MESSAGE. HE ASKED ME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURTESY IN MAKING THIS INFORMATION KNOWN TO HIM AND SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT LAUGERUD ABOUT IT IMMEDIATELY.

2. HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO KNOW THAT WE WOULD HAVE THEIR POINT OF VIEW IN MIND. THEY WERE CONSCIOUS IN GUATEMALA THAT THERE WAS POLITICAL PLURALISM IN LATIN AMERICA -- BUT THEY ALSO WERE CONSCIOUS OF WHAT CUBA HAD DONE IN THE PAST. THE CUBAN PEOPLE HAD THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN FORM OF GOVERNMENT, BUT THE PEOPLE OF GUATEMALA DID NOT WANT THE CUBANS TO TRY TO IMPOSE THEIR SYSTEM HERE AGAINST THE WILL OF THE GUATEMALANS. HE SAID THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE REACHED WITH CUBA ABOUT FISHING ZONES WERE ALSO OF GREAT INTEREST TO THEM, AS THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ZONES IN THE CARIBBEAN OVERLAPPED AND THE EVENTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CUBA AND U.S. WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON OTHER ARRANGEMENTS REACHED IN THE AREA. HE CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT OUR TALKS WITH CUBA WOULD HELP LEAD TO PEACE IN THE REGION, WHICH EVERYONE BADLY NEEDED.

3. I SHOULD ADD THAT I MET LAST NIGHT, AT THEIR REQUEST, WITH 19

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MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES HERE -- A GROUP WHICH
INCLUDED THE TOP BANKING, BUSINESS, AND INDUSTRIAL
LEADERS -- AND ONE OF THE DOMINANT NOTES STRUCK AT THIS MEETING
WAS THEIR UNEASE ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF OUR POLICY TOWARD CUBA.
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